

## LOCAL ITEMS.

All its costs is a dollar a year.  
Rev. D. A. Todd is at Clem Spring.  
Fried Grant wants to be Governor of New York.  
Dr. T. H. Todd has returned from village, N. C.  
Read the *Advertiser*, and ask some one to subscribe.  
If you don't give us leads they will come up missing.  
Col. B. W. Ball and family are visiting at Cross Hill.  
Capt. Jno. W. Warr's family are visiting in Newberry.  
J. T. Johnson, Esq., has returned from a visit in the country.  
Mrs. J. W. Ferguson is visiting in Newberry County.  
Dr. Thomas Metcalf left a few days ago for the mountains.

"Tony" Compton took in the city of Newberry on Friday.  
Drummers have been more numerous than guns, this season.  
Mrs. Scott, of Augusta, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Dunlap.  
Caterpillars have appeared in the cotton fields of Greenville.  
Chief Jerry Walker, of the Fire Department, is in Greenville.  
J. D. Sheahan and A. Blay are in New York buying goods.

The young men who recently came to town, are at work again.

Why should Laurens not have a Building and Loan Association?

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones have returned from a short visit to New York.

F. P. McGowan, Esq., spent several days last week with relatives in Cross Hill.

Normie Campbell, of Columbia, is visiting his uncle Mr. W. W. Jones, of Laurens.

Subscribers continue to pour in, but friends we need just 3,000 more. Can you help us?

A negro living on Mr. W. L. Bryan's place, a few miles from town, brings us the first open book of cotton.

Housekeepers will find rare bargains in the way of thimbles on the five cents counter of GRAHAM & SONS.

L. G. Ball & Co. are having their front artistically painted. It is black striped with genuine gold leaf.

Miss Carrie Jones, of Georgia, and Misses Kitti and Mayette, of this County, are visiting in town.

Persons who desire to do so, will please call in on Tuesday morning, while our pressman is not otherwise engaged.

President G. W. Root, of several other prominent railroad officials passed through Laurens today.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Marshall and Mrs. Caroline Creswell, of Abbeville County, and Mrs. Stearns, daughter of George, are visiting Laurens.

Mrs. Leila, wife of Dr. J. H. Miller, died after a brief illness at her home at Cross Hill, on the morning of the 13th inst.

Edged presents a narrow gauge Railroad to Augusta. \$200,000 was subscribed at once. It will go on to Newberry. Success to the scheme.

When you put your hand on a man who takes a silly girl's arm, you put hand on a dude. A gentleman always offers his arm to a lady.

Prof. R. W. McLean, and wife, of the Laurens Female College, and Miss Lucille Swindler are spending the summer in West Virginia.

Did it ever appear to you that your own paper reads better than one you have borrowed? It is splendid when it is your own and paid for. Just try it.

Mrs. Jno. L. Yousen, and little daughter, of Union, visit relatives and friends in Laurens, let well. Also, Mrs. Porpois, of Pendleton, formerly of Beaufort.

Capt. G. W. Stiles has been quite sick for the past few days, but we are glad to say he is improving and will soon be at his post again.

J. F. Martin & Co. are moving into the Craig Building, fitted up expressly for them with an elevator and all the modern improvements connected with the hardware business.

Prof. Edward E. Branson, of the Laurens Female College, and Mr. Frank Evans, of the Laurens Male Academy, have been attending the Normal Institute, which has just closed in Charleston.

Merchants complain of selling too many goods, "but what?" asked our reporter. "Well, thought we would help out your partners little bit, and the consequence we have employed an extra force of clerks."

Rabbit eyes are to be in demand in Paris. A celebrated doctor recently extracted a young lady's eye and replaced it by that of a rabbit, which greatly improves her looks.

Don't forget to attend the lecture on Temperance to be delivered this (Tuesday) evening, at 8 o'clock, at the College Chapel, by Rev. H. F. Christensen, Grand Worthy Chaplain.

Max Zarek was before the Council on Monday, to answer the charge of disorderly conduct and obstructing the police in the discharge of duty. He was fined \$2.00, while he refused to pay. An appeal will be taken.

There will be a Conversation Party and Church Social at Clinton, Tuesday Evening, Aug. 24th, from 5 to 10 P. M. Beautiful moonlight will be specially provided for the occasion, free of charge, and all are invited to attend.

We are glad to be able to state that Prof. R. W. Milner and Edward E. Branson, who have been enrossing in the interest of the Laurens Female College, have met with great encouragement on all sides. The College will open on the 14th of September, with over thirty bidders. Being fully equipped in every department, with able teachers, these gentlemen are determined to build up our College and make it second to none in the State. The College buildings are now overhauled, both inside and out, and are in fine condition for

## Church Festival.

The Musical Festival given by the ladies of the Episcopal Church, last Thursday night, was a decided success, both socially and financially. A large crowd was in attendance. The scene was a brilliant one, the hall being beautifully decorated with evergreens and well lighted with chandeliers and gay Japanese lanterns. The Musical programme was fully carried out, all the pieces being admirably rendered, and elicited much deserved applause. The receipts amounted to \$1,000.00 and after deducting necessary expenses a nice sum was left to devote to the object for which the Festival was given.

Considering the scarcity of money at this season, the amount raised speaks well for the merits of the Entertainment and the popularity of the ladies who had it in charge.

## A CARD.

For the information of all interested, I would state that the receipts of the Church Festival, on the 14th, were \$1,000.00 expenses \$675.00 net proceeds \$325.00. A detailed statement can be seen at my office. Under the circumstances, the result is considered very satisfactory. The ladies are grateful to the town papers, and a number of individuals (whose names space, and perhaps taste, forbids mentioning) for kind acts in connection with the matter. The voluntary furnishing of rags made for the occasion especially appreciated.

Respectfully,  
L. W. SIMKINS.

## The Lisbon Farmers' Club.

Lisbon Farmers' Club met at Lisbon Church, on the 13th August, that day having been set apart for the exhibition of agricultural and garden products, the meeting being presided over by Mr. Wm. Wright.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Horse Mules and Cows reported as follows: Mr. J. D. M. Shaw: Watermelons—Wm. Wright; Turnips—Rebecca Cannon; Syrup (Gorghum)—Mrs. Dr. Wright; Apples—W. N. Wright; Peaches—A. J. Smith; Pears—Dr. Wm. Wright; Leaf Bread—Mrs. J. D. M. Shaw; Miss Mary Anderson; Tomatoes—Mrs. B. F. Terry.

## POULTRY.

Trio of graded Longshore, Dr. W. Wright; 1 Pair of Plymouth Rock; 1 Pair Brahmans, Dr. William Wright; 1 Pair Longshore, 1 Pair Plymouth Rock; 1 Pair Plymouth Rock, grade, W. N. Wharton; 1 Pair Langshaw, A. R. Holmes.

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Mr. S. E. Vining has bought Mr. C. Franklin's home place. In this place, Mr. Franklin has a winter residence.

Best Jersey bull, Col. H. Wharton; second, Wm. Brown; Jersey Heifer, best grade, Col. H. Y. Simpson; second, Col. H. Wharton; Best Brahman, best grade, W. N. Wharton; Best Chincoteague, Dr. W. N. Wharton; Best Holstein Heifer, grade, Dr. L. S. Fletcher; B. F. Terry; Devine cow, grade, B. F. Terry; Devine cow, grade, W. N. Wharton; Best scrubber, A. R. Holmes; P. G. Fuller; C. H. Martin; C. H. Martin.

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## Who Misses Bryson and Melakof.

of Ora, have made some lovely jelly. We made no inquiry, but imagine it is for our next fair. We think the young ladies should find a helping hand.

## CLINTON.

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DEAR ADVERTISER.—The health, pleasure and information seekers who have been absent from Clinton during the summer, are nearly returned. The court-houses have been busy, as will be shown by an examination of the work done at home.

Owens Bros. are publishing one of the most handsome and convenient store books ever issued in our town. Mr. J. H. Owings, our uncle, for whom we are erecting a house for himself and family, a much more convenient house than they occupy at present. Mr. J. H. Owings has ordered for the purpose of a house, a building, with a room above, for modelling her property at the old trading place, while work on the Morristown House and Clinton College are being pushed with the utmost vigor.

The Council has waded all the streets and roads, and have them now in splendid condition.

A protracted meeting has this time in progress in the Baptist Church here, conducted by Rev. S. B. Williams, who has done his best to maintain and to continue the meeting for days.

Yesterday our whole nation was visited by a splendid rain, and to-day everybody is busily preparing a turkey-patch.

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The question of a Railroad from Sumter to the North Carolina line is being agitated in Camden.

## The average for oats has declined

from 97 to 96, which is four points higher than in August of last year. The average is 94, showing continued improvement since the first of June. Barley stands as in the last report at 82, which indicates about an average crop for any series for five or ten years. There is an increase in the area of buckwheat, and conditions average 95. A medium quality of hay is assured by the average of 93. Tobacco makes a general average of 91. The average for potatoes is 95, against 97 last month.

Bradtrees' commercial reports of failure in the whole United States for the first six months in 1884 indicate a small increase in the number over last year, but a wonderful decrease in the amount of failures. The total number of failures in the whole country is 6,100, against 5,411 in 1883, and 5,296 in 1882. The largest increase is in the Western States, while in the Eastern States the number is exactly the same as last year, and in New York City the figures show 179 in 1885, against 211 in 1884. The total amount of failures in the country at large is \$69,570,505 in 1885, against \$81,191,357 in 1884. The amount of liability in the Eastern States is about 10 per cent., and in the Western States 25 per cent, less than last year, while in New York City the comparative amounts are \$7,550,162 in 1885, against \$8,260,618 in 1884, or about 90 per cent. reduction.

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